

***Electronic supplementary information (ESI)***

**Synthesis and characterization of metal complexes constructed from mixed 4-imidazole-containing ligand and varied multi-carboxylate<sup>†</sup>**

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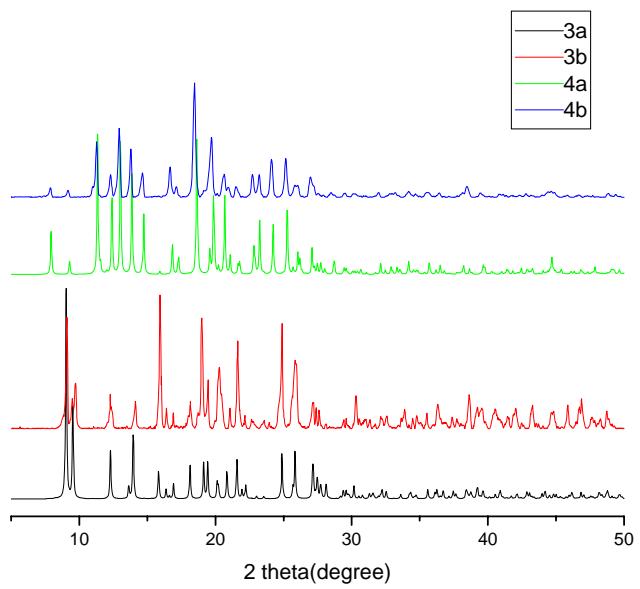
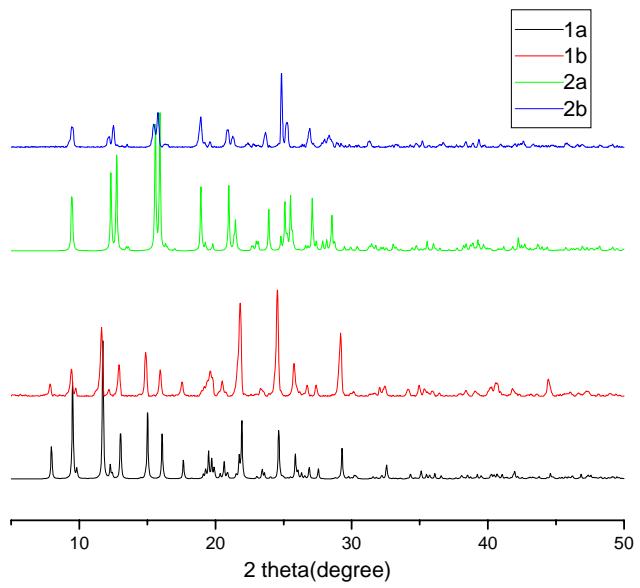
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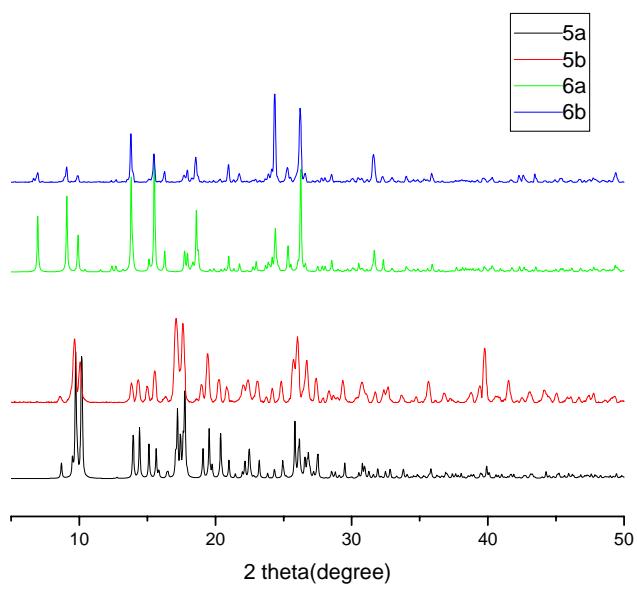
Table S1 Hydrogen bonding data for complexes **1 - 6**

D-H…A	d(D…A) (Å)	∠D-H…A (°)
Compound <b>1</b>		
O1W-H1W…O2#1	2.836(2)	172(3)
N2-H2A…O4#2	2.847(2)	169
O1W-H2W…O4	2.662(2)	160(3)
N4-H4A…O3#3	2.821(2)	148
C4-H4…O4#2	3.322(3)	152
C8-H8…O2#2	3.053(2)	130
C12-H12…O1W#4	2.966(3)	111
Compound <b>2</b>		
N1-H1…O1#5	2.848(3)	162

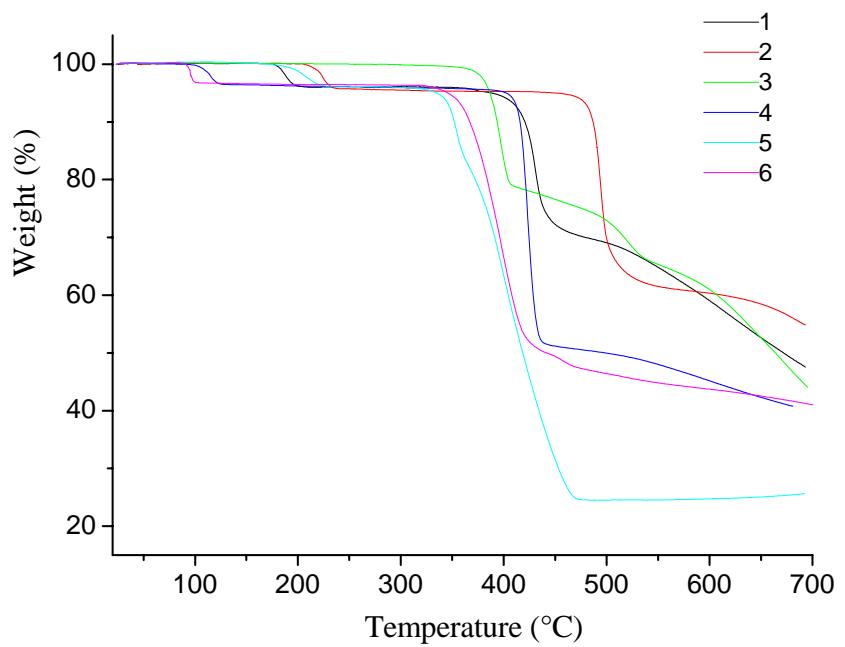
N3-H3…O4#6	2.676(3)	169
C2-H2…O5#7	3.02(2)	115
C12-H12…O5#8	3.35(3)	171
<b>Compound 3</b>		
N2-H2A…O3#9	2.757(4)	147
N3-H3A…O1#10	2.738(4)	150
C8-H8…O2#11	3.324(4)	174
C11-H11…O4#12	3.298(4)	167
<b>Compound 4</b>		
N2-H2…O1#13	2.818(4)	164
N4-H4…O4#14	2.799(5)	132
C5-H5…O5#15	3.347(5)	144
<b>Compound 5</b>		
N1-H1A…O1W#16	2.931(4)	173
O1W-H1W…O2#17	2.921(4)	174(4)
O1W-H2W…O3#18	3.120(4)	144(4)
N3-H3A…O2#19	2.751(3)	170
C9-H9…O4#16	3.365(4)	156
C11-H11…O4#16	3.481(4)	164
C12-H12…O2#20	3.158(4)	140
<b>Compound 6</b>		
O1W-H1WA…O6#21	2.758(4)	178(2)
O1W-H1WB…O6#22	2.989(4)	154(5)
N2-H2B…O4#23	2.811(3)	151
N4-H4A…O1W#24	2.842(4)	168
C21-H21A…O1#25	3.221(4)	142

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x, 1-y, 1-z; #2 -x,1-y,1-z; #3 1-x,1-y,1-z; #4 x,y,-1+z; #5 -x,2-y,-z; #6 x,3/2-y,-1/2+z; #7 1-x,2-y,1-z; #8 1-x,1/2+y,1/2-z; #9 1+x,y,1+z; #10 x,-1+y,z; #11 1-x,-y,1-z; #12 2-x,-y,1-z; #13 1/2+x,1/2-y,-1/2+z; #14 1-x,-y,1-z; #15 1-x,-y,-z; #16 1-x,-y,1-z; #17 -1+x,y,-1+z; #18 1-x,1-y,1-z; #19 -1+x,y,z; #20 2-x,1-y,2-z; #21 x,y,1+z; #22 1-x,-y,1-z; #23 -x,1-y,1-z; #24 1-x,1-y,2-z; #25 1-x,1-y,1-z.

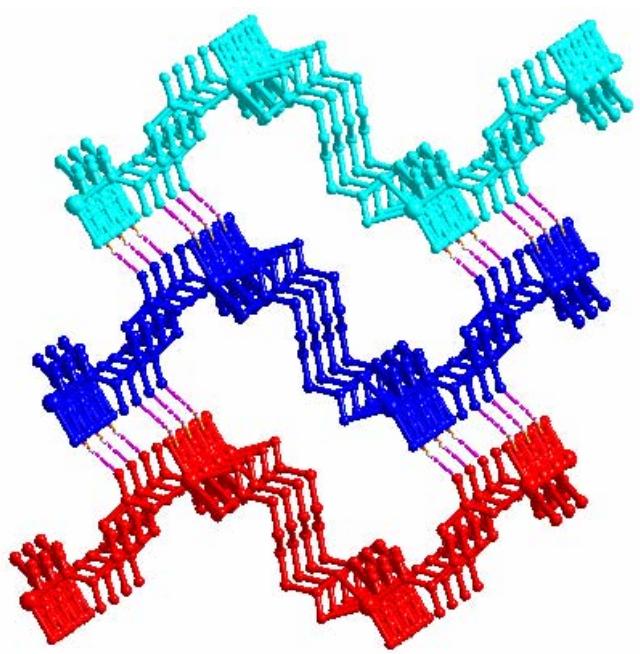




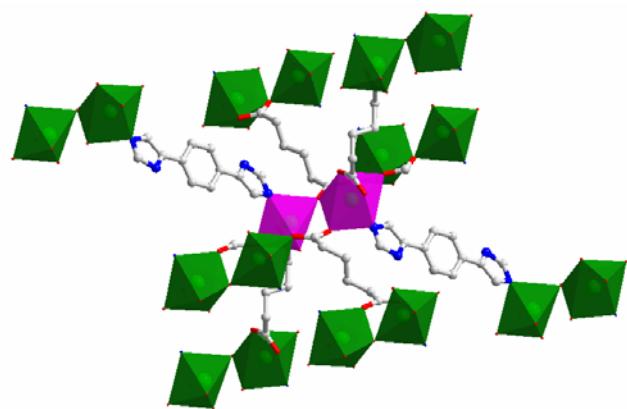
**Figure S1.** The X-ray powder diffraction patterns of **1** - **6**: a – simulated; b – as-synthesized.



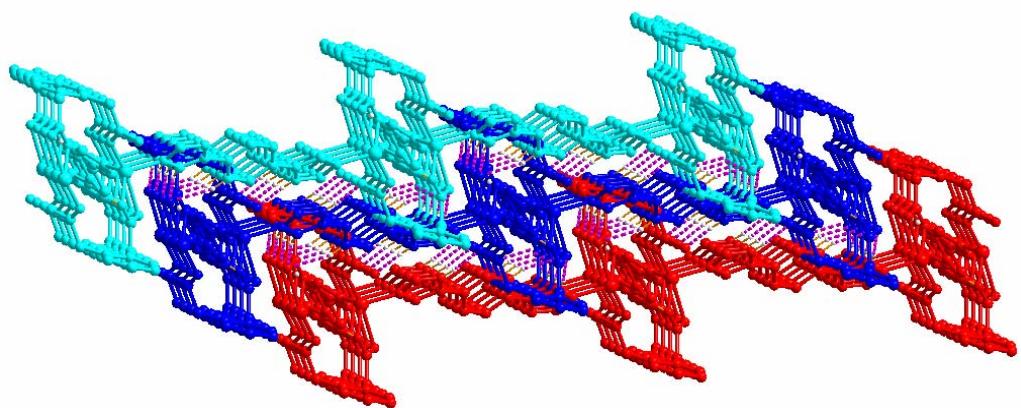
**Figure S2.** The TG curves of **1 - 6**.



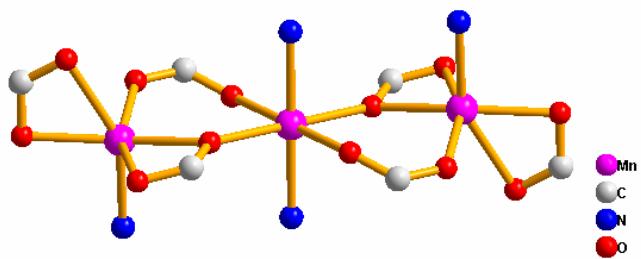
**Figure S3.** 3D framework of **1** linked by hydrogen bonds indicated by dashed line.



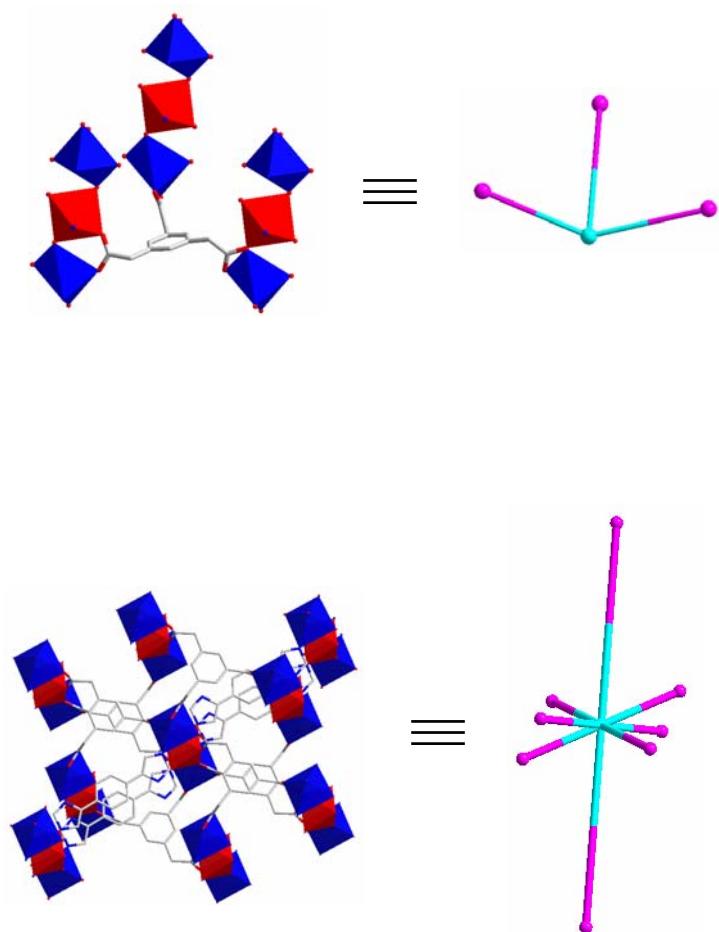
**Figure S4.** View of the linkages of a binuclear Cd(II) nodes (purple) with eight adjacent cores (green) of **3**.



**Figure S5.** 3D framework of **5** linked by hydrogen bonds indicated by dashed line.



**Figure S6.** The Mn<sub>3</sub>-based SBUs [Mn<sub>3</sub>(CO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>6</sub>N<sub>4</sub>] of **6**.



**Figure S7.** Ball-and-stick and polyhedral representations of the 3-connected bta<sup>3-</sup> ligand and 8-connected trinuclear Mn(II) cluster of **6**.